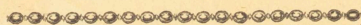




*Columba Antarctica*

## COLUMBA ANTARCTICA.

## THE ANTARCTIC PIGEON.



## CHARACTER GENERICUS.

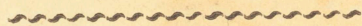
*Rostrum* rectum, versus apicem descendens.

*Nares* oblongæ, membrana molli tumida semitectæ.

*Lingua* integra. *Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 279.*

## CHARACTER SPECIFICUS.

*Columba plumbeo-grisea*, subtus pallidior, occipite crista dependente ferruginea, remigibus caudaque nigricantibus, rectricibus fascia pallida.



## GENERIC CHARACTER.

*Bill* weak, slender, strait at the base, with a soft protuberance in which the nostrils are lodged.

*Tongue* entire.

*Legs* short: toes divided to the origin.

## SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

Greyish-lead-coloured Pigeon, paler beneath, with the wings and tail blackish; the latter marked by a pale bar.

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THE Pigeon here represented appears to be a species hitherto undescribed. In size it nearly equals the *Columba Palumbus*, or common Wood-pigeon. Its most distinguishing character is the elegant semi-pendent occipital crest; a particular not often observable in birds of this genus.